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PewPewDie is believed to make up to \$8 million a year as a YouTube star. Never heard of him? Born Felix

with TV shows and book deals. If vou'd

like to become a social superstar, turn

to page 10, where we're showcasing

the best new social networks to join.

On page 19, you can also find out

how you can win £100 worth

of top tech prizes by trying

out the exciting new social

network Just A Score.

Jack Porsons

Enjoy the issue!

Arvid Ulf Kjellberg, the Swedish game commentator has 23.9 million subscribers to his YouTube channel and 3.69 billion views. In return for attracting such a huge audience, Felix - along with every YouTuber - earns money from advertising. It's not just YouTube either: the use of other social networks including Twitter, Vine and Facebook have led to fame and fortune

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DAN HUTCHINSON **Editor in Chief**

Photo-editing apps are a dime a dozen, but how are they on par with desktop software? Enlight (page 29) is a rare exception,

with a fully suite of features.

JACK PARSONS Editor

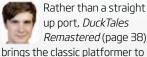


Periscope (page 25) enables users to share real-time video. As well as offering a window into

people's lives, you can watch interviews and live events.

DOM PEPPIATT

Contributor



OLIVER HILL

Contributor

'Couch potato' is fast becoming an obsolete term thanks to apps like All 4 (page 26). This app makes it easy to watch great shows anywhere.



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- iPad+ | iOS 7.1 | £7.99/\$9.99 | v1.1
- Android | OS 4.2 | £8.08/\$9.99 | v1.0



iPhone+ | iOS 8.1 |£3.49/\$5.99 | v1.0.1



iPhone+ | iOS 7.1 | Free | v1.0.4



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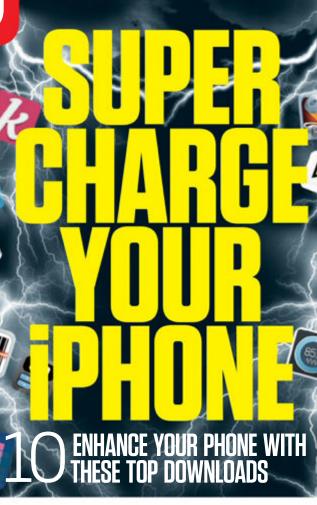
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VERSION ······

We always review the latest versions of apps when going to publication, but bear in mind issues we outline may be fixed in updated versions.

We list the most up-to-date price possible, but check before purchasing. Note that free apps may still require some in-app purchases.



THE BEST GAME ON THE APPLE WATCH

LIFELINE IS A NEW GAME THAT MAKES THE MOST OF THE SMARTWATCH'S FEATURES TO TELL A UNIQUE STORY

A couple of months on, the Apple Watch has proven that it can do lots of things very well. From monitoring our fitness, to receiving messages and app notifications, the Watch has performed admirably. However, all of these tasks are relatively simple, and are no different to what rival smartwatches Pebble and Android Wear can do. Enter *Lifeline*, a new game that was designed specifically for Apple Watch and goes that extra mile. Many miles in fact, as its about an astronaut stranded on an alien moon.

"With Apple Watch, Big Fish is excited to push the limits of this technology and create innovative new game play experiences. We love making games that our players love to play, and this is an exciting new platform to explore," stated Colin Liotta, general manager of *Lifeline's* developer, Three Minute Games, a Big Fish studio.

Lifeline is about the lone survivor in a spaceship crash called Taylor. But it doesn't have any fancy graphics; playing as Taylor's only contact with the wider world, his messages

appear as notifications on the screen. Essentially it's a choose-your-own-adventure game where Taylor sends you messages containing status updates and questions, and you direct him to do this or that.

For added intensity, it plays out in real-time, so when Taylor asks if its better to sleep in the cold lunar desert or keep warm by the spaceship's burning wreckage, you won't know if you've given him the right advice for several hours, when – or if – he wakes up.

Ultimately, this all works because of a strong story. *Lifeline* was written by Dave Justus, the co-writer on the excellent *The Wolf Among Us*, another choose-your-own-adventure by the critically-acclaimed Telltale Games.

While *Lifeline* was created for Apple Watch, you can also play it on your iPhone or iPad.



LIFELINE.

iPhone+ | iOS 8.0 | £2.29/\$2.99 | v1.2



to and he will ask for your advice. However, answer carefully, as the wrong answer could kill him.

REAL-TIME GAMEPLAY

As Taylor works to stay alive, notifications deliver new messages throughout your day. Keep up as they come in, or catch up later when you're free.

PLAY IN YOUR LOCKSCREEN

While you can choose to play Lifeline with the actual app, Taylor's messages will also appear on your Apple Watch and phone like a regular message. You can even respond from your lockscreen.

FOR MORE APPL **WATCH GAMES**

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ou might be.

Carrier 🖘

Where are you? all right

> slide to unlock

REPLAY VALUE

If Taylor should die, or seems to be heading down a dangerous path, you can jump back to earlier points in the story and see how your choices affect the outcome differently.

T-OF-THIS-WORLD GA



Similar to Lifeline, the aim of Out
There is to help a lost astronaut
get home, repairing his spaceship
with whatever you can find. Some of its
artefacts give it a trippy 2001 quality.
iPhone+ | iOS 6.0
| £2.99/\$3.99 | v1.0.4
Android | Varies
| £2.99/\$3.99 | Varies



Imagine Star Trek rendered in 16-bit form and that's pretty much Star Command - an elaborate space romp, in which you build your ship, captain a crew and fight aliens.

iPhone+ i0S 4.3

iE2.29/\$2.99 | v1.1.4

Android | 0S 2.3.3

iE2.32/\$2.99 | v1.1.8

explore alien worlds.

iPhone+ | iOS 7.0 | Free | v1.2.3

Android | OS 4.0 | Free | v1.2.3

INTERSTELLAR

Build your own solar system in this game inspired by the 2014 Christopher Nolan of the same name. You can then pilot your own spaceship around the universe, try to travel without running out of fuel and context if the worlder.



EUFLORIA HD

In Eufloria you seed asteroids with interstellar plants, building up your empire and invading enemy territories, all whilst ambient music plays in the background.

iPhone+ iOS 4.3

£5.99/\$7.99 v1.3.0

Android OS 2.3

£2.49/\$4.99 v1.0.12.1



MY HOME SCREEN -THE COM

APPS THAT CAN MAKE JOURNEYS TO WORK FEEL LIKE FUN

Getting to and from work can take up a large chunk of your day so it's important to make it as stress-free as it possibly can be. Thankfully, you can turn to apps even when there's only standing room available or the traffic is backed up in queues as far as the eye can see. If you want company on the drive or to be informed and entertained while a bus or train takes the strain, these apps will certainly help you on your way to a smoother, better journey.



SONGZA

ALTERNATIVE TO: MUSIC

What side of the bed you got out of or the kind of day you had at the office could influence the music you listen to going to or from work. This app helps you decide which music to enjoy at that moment by suggesting themes based on mood and time of day.

o iPhone+ | iOS 7.0 | Free | v3.3.2 Android | OS 4.0 | Free | v5.2.0.0



WAZE SOCIAL

ALTERNATIVE TO: MAPS Waze is an

essential commuting aid for a big city. Add your home and work locations, and let it figure out how to get you from one to the other while avoiding hold-ups flagged by other users.

• iPhone+ | iOS 6.0 Free | v3.9.4 Android | Varies | Free | Varies

POCKET

ALTERNATIVE TO: NEWSSTAND

This app is ideal if you use public transport and don't have time for browsing before leaving home. Copy a URL, open the app and articles will be downloaded so you can read them offline en route.

• iPhone+ | iOS 7.0 Freemium | v5.6.4 Android | Varies | Freemium | Varies



TRAVALARM

ALTERNATIVE TO: CLOCK



This app uses your phone's GPS to track where you

are so you won't miss your transit stop if you end up falling asleep on the commute. Drop a pin on a map to show where you get off and set how near to it you want to be woken up. Then snooze.

iPhone+ | iOS 4.0 | £0.79/\$0.99 | v1.0.0



LEAVE NOW

ALTERNATIVE TO: CALENDAR

Enter an upcoming event into this app and it will calculate what time you need to leave to get there on time. It also includes a countdown to when the event begins and stock text messages to notify people if you will be late to the next function.

iPhone+ | iOS 7.0| Free | v1.5.12

"TRAVALARM USES YOUR PHONE'S GPS TO TRACK WHERE YOU ARE SO YOU WON'T MISS YOUR TRANSIT STOP"

TED

ALTERNATIVE TO: VIDEOS

If your commute doesn't TED give you time to watch a TV show or movie, TED Talks are stimulating alternatives. Covering ideas on a wide range of topics, they're generally under 20 minutes long and free to stream or download.

- iPhone+ | iOS 8.0
- Free | v2.4.6
- Android | OS 4.0 | Free | v2.3.6

CARMA CARPOOLING

ALTERNATIVE TO: MESSAGES

Carpooling helps the environment and can be a way to meet people. Just search for rides by entering your route to connect with others travelling the same way.
• iPhone+ | iOS 6.0

- Free | v6.5.3
- Android | Varies | Free | Varies

WEATHER UNDERGROUND

ALTERNATIVE TO: WEATHER



This socially driven app with an Apple Watch extension overlays

current and forecasted conditions onto maps alongside

- user's webcam pictures.
 iPhone+ | iOS 8.0 Freemium v5.0
- Android | OS 4.0 | Freemium | v4.1

COMMUTE GREENER

ALTERNATIVE TO: STOCKS



Environmentally conscious commuters can use this app to keep track of their contributions to greenhouse gas emissions. After registering you can then set a CO2-reduction target, track your progress and then share results.

- iPhone+ | iOS 6.0
- | Free | v1.3
- Android | OS 2.2 | Free | v3.7.5

UK BUS CHECKER

ALTERNATIVE TO: REMINDERS



throughout the UK so you'll know exactly when to leave. It also includes route maps and will alert you of exit times. Includes Apple Watch extension.

- iPhone+ | iOS 7.0
- £3.99/\$4.99 | v6.1.0
- Android | Varies | £2.99/\$2.99 | Varies

GEAR ROUNDUP

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STEELSERIES SIBERIA V3

One of the things we've come to expect from SteelSeries is that they produce fantastic headsets. No matter if you're an avid smartphone gamer, or want to listen to

your music on the go, the Siberia V3 always produces crystal-clear audio. Bass can be a little heavy on some mellow tracks, but tweaking your phone's equaliser can sort that. If you factor in the secure, robust and comfy build of the Siberia V3, then this is a headset worth

£89.99/\$139.99 | SteelSeries | www.steelseries.com

CHRISTIE DAB+ RADIO

The retro-styled design of the Christie Radio is remarkably charming and includes some novel features. The rotating front display means the radio can be used in either portrait or landscape with no compromises on sound quality. As well as DAB, connection can be made with NFC or Bluetooth to start the stream, although the NFC connection can be erratic. Sound quality is excellent, but streaming through Bluetooth seems to be just a little better.

£99.99/\$TBC | View Quest | www.viewquest.co.uk



With so many wireless speakers on the market it takes something really special to stand out. The Doubleblaster certainly does this in terms of its quirky design, but in most other areas it lacks the finesse required. The three-watt speaker can produce high-volume sound, but there are some occasional distortions that disrupt the listening experience. Bass also tends to be all over the place at times - something that isn't a problem in similar products.

£39.99/\$65.00 | Boompods | www.boompods.com

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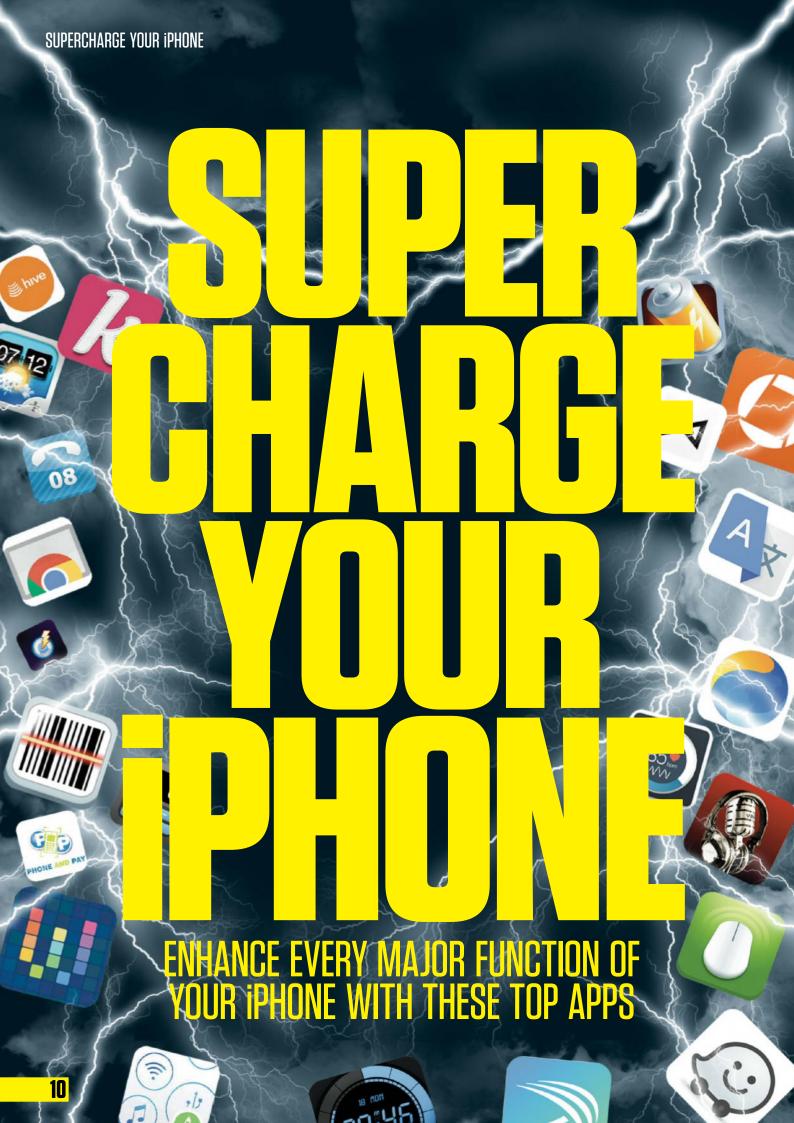
Users will need to download the accompanying Bamboo Paper app for the stylus to work. Through the app, you can draw, sketch and write with the stylus and it's the stylus' precision that makes it special. The thin tip picks up the slightest details when it makes contact with your screen. However, for \$60, there are cheaper alternatives.

£49.99/\$59.99 | Wacom www.bamboopaper.wacom.com

SPIGEN TOUGH ARMOR iPHONE 6 CASE

While the metallic-looking exterior of the Tough Armor is in fact plastic and rubber, it does feel robust on the iPhone 6. In each corner is a special air cushion that limits device damage from drops, but we're a bit dubious about the lack of screen protection. We did, however, like how each port had been expertly cut out, something that other manufacturers often forget.

> £24.99/\$34.99 | Spigen www.spigen.co.uk



BATTERY DOCTOR -MUST-HAVE BATTERY MANAGEMENT APP



The iPhone battery is a marvel of modern power management, but of course we will always want more. Fortunately, there is an app that can make your iPhone's power cell last longer between

charges and also work well over extended periods. The battery is usually the first part of a phone to stop everything from working as it should and so it makes sense to take care of it which is where *Battery Doctor* comes in. This app shows you how much longer the battery needs to charge to be filled up and can accurately display the power remaining which should stop you from ever running out of juice. There are many battery management tips included and it is all enclosed in a simple, yet practical interface which is obvious to use from the start. All of these little features come together well to offer a view of your battery that you may not have considered previously, but it is over time where the benefits of Battery Doctor truly shine. You will be rewarded with power whenever you need it and a battery which will likely outlast the ownership of the actual iPhone that you are using right now. For a free app, the features and benefits are remarkable.

iPhone | iOS 5.0 | Free

"There are many battery management tips included enclosed in a simple, yet practical interface"

BELOW Manage your battery well and it will offer much better performance



You can now create the ultimate camera roll by bringing together your photos from Instagram, Flickr, Facebook and other sources in this app



KWILT PHOTO

• iPad+ | iOS 7.0 Freemium

08 WIZARD



One of the few barriers that remains in mobile billing is that for most providers, calls to numbers for 0800

are chargeable outside of your normal calling allowance. With this app, however, you can now make these calls for free to the most popular of the 0800 numbers. The reason this works is all because most 0800 numbers have standard delivery numbers, for example localised numbers beginning with 01, which fall inside your allowance and thus you will not have to pay to call them.

- iPhone | iOS 7.0 | £0.79/\$0.99
- Android | OS 4.0 | £0.99/\$1.53

LEFT Save yourself a fortune when you phone companies

APPS TO UPGRADE

INSTANT HEART RATE -**HEART RATE MONITOR**

A healthy lifestyle requires a healthy heart to really enjoy yourself and with this app you can check your heart rate throughout the day and keep a record in order to spot any changes. All you need to do is hold your finger over the camera lens and let your phone do the work to receive an accurate result. It really is extremely efficient and accurate.

iPhone+ | iOS 7.0 | £1.49/\$1.99 Android | Varies | £1.24/\$1.99

WEATHER+

Having a continually updated and accurate weather forecast lets you plan your days in advance. Weather+ far exceeds the capability of the standard iPhone weather app by giving you long range forecasts, animated backdrops and all of the weather related information you could possibly require.

iPhone+ iOS 6.0 £2.29/\$2.99

WAVE ALARM -MOTION CONTROL **ALARM CLOCK**

This app lets you wave your arm in front of your iPhone screen to mute

the alarm so that you can catch some more sleep if you really need it. With music integration, varied alarm sounds and more, it really does work.

iPhone iOS 6.0 Freemium

Android | OS 2.3 | Freemium

WAZE SOCIAL GPS. MAPS & TRAFFIC

You can now throw away that old GPS system that has been lying in your glove box for months because Waze will take you

anywhere and in style. With accurate traffic alerts, an innovative social integration setup and so many more features, you will never be late for an appointment ever again. Once you give Waze a try, you will wonder how you lived without it.

iPhone+ | iOS 6.0 | Free
Android | Varies | Free

iPLAYER RADIO

It's easy to enhance the variety of entertainment on your iPhone using the free iPlayer Radio. Once installed you can choose to play any of the BBC radio stations with a single touch, and with performance that is unrivalled Everything streams immediately and the interface is a hassle-free experience which only adds to the all-round positivity. It's time to supercharge your mobile audio.
• iPhone | iOS 6.0 | Free

Android OS 4.0 Free



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PHONE AND PAY

Hunting around for change when trying to park your car can be very frustrating. You

could, however, simply tap a couple of times on your iPhone screen and make the required payment in an instant. Once you have set up your account and included your registration number, all you need to do is tell the app where you are parked and it does the rest.

iPhone+ | iOS 6.0 | Free Android | OS 2.2 | Free

POCKET DRIVE

This app turns your iPhone into a clever and sophisticated drive for carrying files. It wirelessly connects your iPhone to your computer which enables instant transfer of files and you to choose how much space you want available. It is a very clever solution which adds a lot of iPhone flexibility

iPhone+ iOS 6.0 Freemium

MOBILE MOUSE PRO

Not only will *Mobile Mouse Pro* turn your iPhone into a handy mouse replacement, but it also lets you use it in midair to control any PC. There are shortcuts included to jump straight to desktop apps and the ability to play and pause media at will. It would be easy to call this a mouse app, but it completely changes the way vou work.

- iPhone+ iOS 6.1
- £1.49/\$1.99
- Android OS 2.1 £1.88/\$2.99

MISFIT

The iPhone does include by default some fitness tracking but when paired with a Misfit device this changes the game. You can monitor sleep, steps, running and so much more alongside seeing your trends and creating fitness goals. It is a complete system which works wirelessly and should give you the impetus to improve your body every single day

- iPhone+ | iOS 7.0 | Free
 Android | OS 4.2
- - Free

GOOGLE TRANSLATE

With this free app you can turn your iPhone into a sophisticated translator, Words and phrases can be translated by voice or text at any time and then you just look at your screen to read the

response in your language.
iPhone+ | iOS 7.0 | Free
Android | Varies | Free

LAUNCHER WITH



Creating simple shortcuts in the **Notification Centre** may not sound

exciting, but when you consider the amount of time you will save it soon becomes clear. You can have direct access to contacts and apps with one swipe down and a single tap to complete actions you need.

iPhone+ | iOS 8.0 Freemium



USING

Send content from an iPhone to any TV using the Chromecast app and associated accessory. Your phone can now be the hub of your entertainment.

CHROMECAST

- iPhone+ | iOS 7.0 Free
- Android | OS 2.3
- | Free

WORKFLOW: POWERFUL AUTOMATION MADE SIMPLE It is actually quite hard to describe an obvious benefit of Workflow because

it can do so many things with a little work from you. You can easily create animated GIFs, send a tweet describing the song you are currently listening to and automate so many other actions that you undertake every day. Add to this being able to download a variety of premade actions and the list of benefits is clear. iPhone+ | iOS 8.0 | £2.49/\$2.99

RIGHT Being able to

automatically order pizza is just one of 200 actions



MEMORY & DISK **SCANNER PRO - CHECK**



With Memory & Disk Scanner Pro you can always see how much spare disk space you have by simply opening it, but it has another trick up its sleeve which is potentially even more important. It can

scan the RAM on your iPhone which is the memory used to run apps and a lack of it can cause slowdowns and even crashes. No iPhone is blessed with the ability to run as many apps as you like at one time, no phone is at all actually, but with this app you can tap a button and it will free up as much as possible to keep things running as smoothly as possible. The visuals in the app are as obvious as can be and the simplistic controls mean that you can be up and running in seconds, with maybe a daily check of the app required to keep your iPhone in tiptop shape. If you are using an older iPhone or regularly suffer from memory problems, this app can save you lots of valuable time.

• iPhone+ | iOS 7.0 | Freemium



Hive is a good example of a growing number of apps that are designed to let

you control crucial areas of your home. From lighting to heating to your hot water, all that is needed is a valid internet connection on your iPhone to remotely control these areas when away from home. As these apps improve, we could reach the point where switches become a thing of the past.

- iPhone+ | iOS 6.0 | Free
- Android | OS 2.3 | Free

VOICE RECORD PRO

Voice memos are a default part of any iPhone, but it is a feature that is rarely talked about. Voice Record Pro takes the basic premise of recording your voice, however, and gives you the opportunity to share the end result with anyone using many methods. You can add photos and notes to each recording and even share them as movie clips if you so desire. Highly intuitive, it just works.

iPhone+ | iOS 7.0 | Freemium



BARCODE READER

Your iPhone just become

shopping assistant. Just

the perfect virtual

point your phone at a product to

see more details about it and to

sharing and the ability to quickly

read reviews in order to make a

purchasing decision. What more

compare prices on the web. It

supports multiple currencies.

FOR IPHONE

ENHANCE YOUR IPHONE

KEYBOARD + EMOJI



iPhone+ | iOS 8.0 | Free Android | OS 2.3 | Freemium

CALCROT -THE INTELLIGENT



expression view, conversions for 500 units and a varied array of scientific functions, there is a lot of advanced functionality built in to the beautifully designed interface. Your iPhone calculator

iPad+ | iOS 8.2 | Freemium



As smooth and fast as

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GENIUS SCAN+ -PDF SCANNER



o iPad+ | iOS 7.1 | £4.99/\$6.99 Android | Varies

£4.69/\$6.99

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result is worth it.



Camera+ is designed for anyone who likes to take good quality photos on their smartphone, but it actually performs a dual

purpose. Not only does Camera+ make snapping photos easy if you are prepared to accept the automatic features, but it can also be used in a professional way. Advanced features include 6x digital zoom, a horizon level to ensure your snaps are dead straight and timed shooting modes. Add to this a variety of effects that you can add to your photos within the Camera+ app and you are looking at a solution which should cater for all of your photographic needs. The feature list is so long that we cannot possibly cover all that is included, but we are confident that once you start using it you will find everything you need very easily and will greatly enjoy the added flexibility the app offers. The default iPhone camera is a perfect example of quality within a simple environment and Camera+ builds upon it by adding a carefully considered set of tools which will certainly supercharge your photos.

• iPhone+ | iOS 7.0 | £2.29/\$2.99

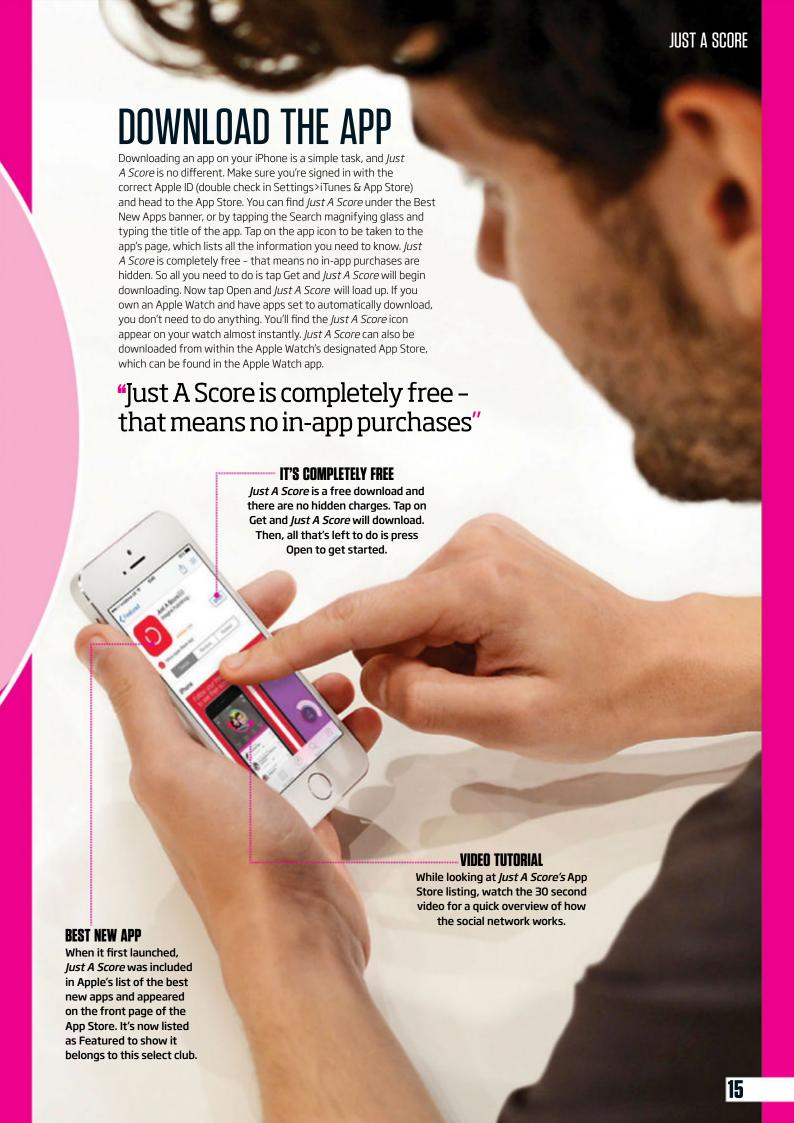


"Add to this a variety of effects... and you are looking at a solution which should cater for all of your photographic needs"





ust A Score is a brand-new app from Imagine Publishing that lets you score anything. And we mean, literally anything. It's fun, addictive and built for iPhone and Apple Watch. You log in to the app through Facebook or Twitter on your phone and then it's up to you what you score. Search for your favourite magazine and rate it out of ten; rate your holiday, a politician, a film - the list is completely endless. You'll be scoring serious stuff as well as a lot of fun things too. You get to follow your friends and share your scores on all the popular social networks. There's also a Trending section that lets you see what is currently popular with other users. That Trending section is one of the two menus available to Apple Watch users; the other is an Activity log that displays what you and your followers are scoring. The first app of its kind, *Just* A Score is designed to change how review scores are published and shared forever.



When the app launches for the first time you're asked whether you want to log in with either your Facebook or Twitter account. There's no frustrating sign-up sheet that takes five minutes to complete, just enter your Twitter or Facebook credentials as you see fit. And that's it, welcome to Just A Score, the brandnew app that enables users to score anything in the world, follow their friends to see and like their scores, share scores to Facebook and Twitter and see what scores are trending across the world. Scoring is the name of the game here, and it's a lot of fun. You can score serious things as well, like your new Bluetooth

speaker or the Apple Watch on your wrist, right through to light-hearted things such as today's weather or the beans on toast that you had for lunch. Sharing things is simple too. From your dashboard (the main page), tap the magnifying glass icon at the bottom and type in your search. A list of results will appear as you type. If you see one that matches, tap it. Failing that, finish typing out your search and tap Search. Now is the time to record your score for everyone to see. If the entry doesn't have a picture, you can give it one as well as place it in a category. To score, swipe the dial clockwise and press in the middle to confirm.

"Just A Score, the brand-new app that enables users to score anything"



WEIRDEST SCORES



DRESSING UP LIKE A FAIRY

Whether you're heading to a party or you have a secret hobby at the weekend, you can rate your outfit on Just A Score. Your secret won't be safe though.



TAKING THE RUBBISH OUT

There's not much to love about taking the rubbish out. The smell of rotting food; the constant threat of dripping bin juice. We'll be giving that a 1 out of 10.



PEANUT BUTTER

Maybe your favourite, deserving of a rating. Love or hate it, everything around you can be rated. What are you waiting for, get scoring!



MICHAEL GOVE

How do you feel about the recent general election results? Load up Just A Score and show your love, or your hate, for the new Justice Secretary. Hopefully he'll see it!



WHO TO FOLLOW

GGIEINUM



Planning on going to see the new Avengers movie or thinking of watching a

horror movie at home instead? Check out SciFiNow for ratings of the hottest new sci-fi and fantasy films, books and TV shows, plus a definitive ranking of the Star Wars movies.

GAMESTMMAG



For scores of the best new videogames for home consoles, PC and even mobile.

GamesTM magazine has got you covered. Aimed at sophisticated gamers who enjoy creative ideas as much as they do a firstperson shooter, you can discover some real indie gems here.

HOWITWORKSMAG



The monthly magazine that explains how everything works is also on lust A Score.

providing ratings of how good things are. Scores include ratings for consumer products from headphones to telescopes, but can also be a lot of fun, such as scores for the best dinosaurs.

OPHOTOGRAPHEI



If you're thinking of buying an expensive digital camera but are torn

between two models, a simple and definitive score of which is better might help you decide. Enter Digital Photographer, the kitbag essential for enthusiasts and pro photographers.

KNOWYOURAPPS



Under the nickname KnowYourApps (the same as our website and Twitter

account), you find Apps
Magazine on Just A Score too.
From now on, you will be able to
see a score of every app and
game we review in the
magazine on Just A Score.



From your Activity feed you can tap any entry and give it a rating yourself. You get Gadgets & Tech
iPhone

Eating & Drinking
McDonalds

Everyday Life taken to a scoring screen, which is decorated with a thumbnail picture and the given score.

SCRUB TO SCORE

The Apple Watch doesn't need you to scrub clockwise to enter your score - all you need to do is tap on the plus and minus symbols as you see fit. The number above changes colour accordingly.

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SCORE ON APPLE WATCH

Steep

Eating & Drinking

Just A Score was one of the very few apps available for Apple Watch on its much-anticipated launch date. While it isn't able to match the high-powered functionality of the iPhone app companion, Just A Score for Apple Watch provides a compact and intuitive experience that perfectly showcases why Apple's new smartwatch is the tech event of 2015. From your watch's app selector screen, hunt down that Just A Score icon and give it a tap. The app presents you with two options. The first is Activity, which gives you a rundown of the very latest scores. You can tap on an entry and give it a score yourself - this is in turn added to your profile. Your second option is Trending, the *Just A* Score feature that gives you access to what's currently popular across the app. You can of course join the conversation again; just tap an entry to give it your own score. Combine your iPhone and Apple Watch and there won't be a time of the day when you can't score something. The Apple Watch app only helps to make *Just A Score* more addictive. Check out these annotations to see just how well Just A Score translates to the smaller screen.

"The Apple Watch app makes Just A Score more addictive"

Submit Score

Big Brother

Score

SUBMIT

All that's left to do is submit. When you're happy you've got your score right (come on, don't take it so seriously), hit the Submit Score tab. Your score will show up on your profile instantly.

COMPETITION

CELEBRATE THE LAUNCH OF JUST A SCORE WITH THIS BUNDLE OF GOODIES

To celebrate the launch of this brilliant new social network, we're giving one person the chance to win over a £100 worth of top tech prizes - all of which, we promise, are rated 10/10! This huge prize pack includes Razer Adaro Wireless headphones, a SteelSeries Stratus XL gaming controller, Elgato EyeTV mobile, a Romo smartphonecontrolled robot, a portable Bluetooth speaker, phone cases and much more. A real veritable treat of tech goodies, we're sure you'll agree. The Adaro headphones, for example, feature Bluetooth 4.0 connectivity, customtuned 40mm dynamic drivers and a comfortable, lightweight form factor.

We promise there's something for everybody in this amazing giveaway. So how do you enter the competition? All you need to do is head over to www.knowyourapps.com, open the story

'Win £100 worth of tech goodies thanks to Just A Score,' which is listed at the top of the homepage, and follow the four simple steps in the post to be in with a chance of winning. It's all about sharing one of your scores (it doesn't matter what it is - honest, we make many judgemental comments) on Twitter and making sure you tag @Knowyourapps in it so we don't let it slip unnoticed. This is too good an opportunity to miss, so what are you waiting for, get that web browser up! You've got to be in it to win it.



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INSTAGRAM

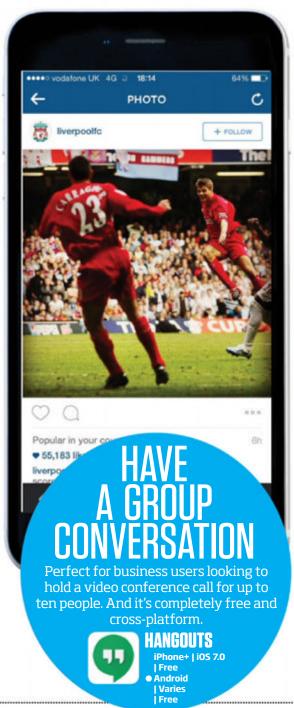


Instagram is a social media behemoth yes, but it's also undeniably a trailblazer for photo-editing apps all over the

app market. Giving your pictures a feel from a bygone era, *Instagram* uses light-bleaching and sepia tones to instantly transform images before you get the chance to share it with all your followers and post to various other social networks like Facebook and Twitter. It works like any other social network, you get to like and comment on pictures and, if you're running the latest version of *Instagram*, you get access to a whole host of secret, advanced editing tools guaranteed to help out any digital photographer. As you'd expect, implementing one of the editing tools and customising it is a straightforward affair. With an image selected, there are three editing options to initially choose from: Filters, Lux (a leftover from old versions which adjusts colour) and Tools, the home of *Instagram*'s new editing suite. This is the menu to use if you want to add a vignette or tilt shift effect, adjust contrast, sharpen an image and much, much more.

- iPhone | iOS 7.0 | Free
- Android | Varies | Free

"Instagram uses light-bleaching and sepia tones to instantly transform images"



TUMBLR

The world's biggest microblogging platform now has an app to be proud of. Recent updates have given you the chance to fully customise your blog, whether that's uploading posts packed with text and multimedia or tweaking the themes on your main page. All this used to be confined to only the desktop version. Now you can proudly share your blog with the world.

- iPhone+ | iOS 7.1 | Free
- Android | Varies | Free

Tumblr lets you post literally anything you



<u>Must</u>-HAVE CLASSICS

FACEBOOK

Facebook is a service synonymous with social networking. See what your friends are up to on your News Feed and share your own updates, photos and videos to your Wall. You get notifications when friends like and comment on your posts. Mark Zuckerberg's brainchild is an essential download.

• iPhone+ | iOS 7.0 | Free Android | Varies | Free

MESSENGER

Rather annoyingly, Facebook turned its Messenger feature into a separate app. When

vou receive a private message and click on it in the app, you'll be automatically directed to Messenger. The app is perfect for group chats (adding people is simple) and you can shoot videos and take pictures in the app and share them instantly. It's just like texting, but without the charges.

- iPhone+ | iOS 7.0 | Free
- Android | Varies | Free

SWARM BY

Swarm is the brilliant companion to location-based social network Foursquare. enabling you to see who is nearby and who wants to hang out. You get to check in at any location you wish and message your nearby friends from within the app. Messaging is a lot of fun, based predominately on nifty icons and stickers.

- iPhone+ | iOS 7.0 | Free
- Android | Varies | Free

GOOGLE+

It might not be the riveting success that some of its rival can claim to be, but Google+ has its uses, especially for business users. Fill your stream with great content by following interesting people, pages and communities, while connecting with other users who share similar interests. Google+ is even a place to back up all your photos and videos too, and engage in some pretty advanced editing.

• iPhone+ | iOS 6.0 | Free

Android | Varies | Free

Another app that needs no introduction, *Twitter* is one of the first apps you should download. The premise is to send a tweet that contains no more than 140 characters. It's supposed to happen in a real-time, spur of the moment style. The official app lets you tweet, retweet and favourite anything. Find out what celebrities are up to and be the first to hear breaking news

iPhone+ | iOS 7.0 | Free

Android | Varies | Free

MEET NEW PEOPLE

TINDER

A social phenomenon, *Tinder* is a fun, light-hearted way to meet new people in your local area. After you've set up a profile, *Tinder* gets busy and searches for people that are close to your location. The premise is simple: just swipe right to like or left to pass on the people that *Tinder* recommends to you. If someone likes you back that's a match and you can then get the process rolling by starting a conversation and get to know them more.

• iPhone+ | iOS 7.1 | Free • Android | Varies | Free

MATCH.COM

If you're looking for something a bit more serious, the *Match* app might be more appropriate. Your Stream shows you

appropriate: To use a steam slows you photos of singles in your area, while Mixer introduces you. The message thread shows you your conversations on one screen. It's a beautifully designed app and navigating around is simple. The app is free but there is a monthly subscription.

iPhone+ | iOS 7.0 | FreeAndroid | OS 2.3.3 | Free

POF

POF is very simply a free dating app. Unlike other rivals, POF lets you view your matches and have unlimited communication with them for free. POF argues that it has the most users (over a staggering 90 million) and the most free features for you to use, and therefore the highest chance for you to find someone new to get to know. What are you waiting

iPhone+ | iOS 7.0 | FreeAndroid | Varies | Free

FIND MY FRIENDS

Find My Friends enables you to easily locate friends and family. If it sounds a bit like stalking, don't worry, a friend or family member has to accept your invitation in order to share locations (and you can hide your location with a single switch). Find My Friends lets you set up location-based alerts that can notify you when a friend arrives at the airport or a child leaves school.

• iPhone+ | iOS 8.0 | Free

ZOOSK - #1 DATING

Zoosk is the smart way to meet new people. The more you use the app, the smarter it gets, learning who you like and making it easier for you to connect with local singles. It's a personalised approach that makes all the difference. You even get the chance to 'verify' photos that your photos actually look like you – look out for the green badge on someone's profile which will indicate that their photos have been verified by Zoosk. Subscription rates start at £29.99 a month.

iPhone+ | iOS 6.0 | FreeAndroid | Varies | Free

PINTEREST



A social network perfect for creative minds, *Pinterest* is a visual bookmarking

tool that helps you discover and save ideas. *Pinterest* is the perfect place to get inspiration, whether it's for making that special dinner, going on a once-ina-lifetime holiday or doing home improvements. iPhone users can pin an image from the web to their own board, thanks to being able to use Pinterest as an extension.

• iPhone+ | iOS 7.0 | Free

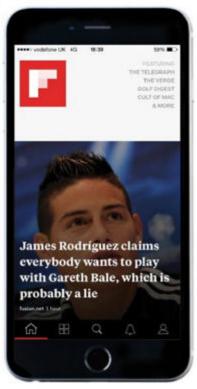
Android | Varies | Free



FLIPBOARD

Flipboard is a digital social magazine

that aggregates personalised content from across the web and displays it in a beautifully arranged magazine. The app is used by millions of people every day and it's not hard to see why. *Flipboard* looks great, works like a dream and has



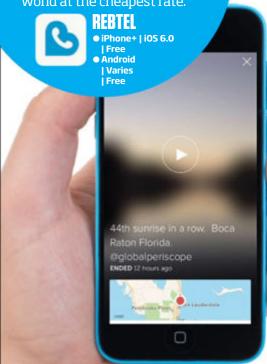
brilliant sharing options. There's even an Apple Watch app, meaning you can get an at-a-glance look at your top ten stories.

iPhone+ | iOS 7.0 | Free

Android | Varies | Free

S ABROAD PERISCOPE

Rebtel is a clever little app that converts international calls and SMS to local rates so you talk to anyone in the world at the cheapest rate.



Some times the simple ideas are the best. From the same development team as Twitter, *Periscope* lets you broadcast

live video to the rest of the world. As soon as you go live, *Periscope* notifies your *Twitter* followers (you sign in via your standard Twitter log-in details) when you are about to go live, who then get to join in by sending comments and hearts to your broadcast in real-time. It's already proven to be a massive success. It's all about broadcasting footage in the moment – you don't need a professional tripod to make

a video, just your smartphone. When your broadcast is over you can replay it, reliving all the comments and hearts if you missed out on them when you were filming live. Replays currently only last for 24 hours and you can delete a replay whenever you want. If the thought of broadcasting to thousands of your followers is dauntingto you then there is a private mode where you can select your viewers. The app also gives you suggestions of who to follow based on your *Twitter* network. You can follow and unfollow them just like on *Twitter*. The more hearts you get (*Periscope* keeps track of your total) the higher you reach on the app's Most Loved list.

o iPhone | iOS 7.1 | Free

WHATSAPP



Almost every smartphone has WhatsApp installed on it and that's because

it's the world's best, and most reliable, smartphone messenger. It uses your data or Wi-Fi to message friends and family. It's a great way to stay in touch with someone travelling or a relative that lives on the other side of the world. It ticks all the boxes, including group chat, and audio and video attachments.

iPhone | iOS 6.0 | FreeAndroid | OS 2.1 | Free

TIMEHOP



iPhone | iOS 7.1 | FreeAndroid | OS 4.0.3 | Free



STAYING IN TOUCH

SKYPF

With over 300 million users, you're bound to know someone with a Skype. Primarily known for giving users a free to way to make video calls, Skype is also an instant messaging service. You can also get low-cost calls to mobiles and landlines too; just add credit to your account to communicate with anyone in the world. Skype is available on virtually all platforms.

iPhone+ | iOS 7.0 | FreeAndroid | Varies | Free

SNAPCHAT

Snapchat is unashamedly aimed at younger generations, who have jumped onboard in their millions. You snap a photo or video, add a caption and send it to friends. It's that simple. The beauty is that that video will disappear from view as soon as they've seen it - unless they screenshot it of coursel It's a lot of fun and a great way to enjoy fast mobile conversation.

iPhone+ | iOS 7.0 | FreeAndroid | OS 4.0 | Free

RRM



create your own profile, with a

picture and status too.

• iPhone+ | iOS 7.0 | Free

• Android | Varies | Free

LINKFDI

A social network built for business users, *LinkedIn* enables you to build your own network of connections, stay up to date with the latest industry news and, maybe, find your dream job. You build your own profile (a glorified CV) and it connects you to people, jobs, companies and groups. You can even view and save jobs, as well as apply from within the app.

iPhone+ | iOS 7.0 | FreeAndroid | OS 2.3 | Free

VIBER

Viber prides itself on enabling you to make high-definition phone and video calls. There are 516 million Viber users, and it's easy to see why. It's a seamless experience as soon as the app syncs with your mobile contact list as it automatically detects which of your contacts have Viber. The app provides full support for the Viber desktop app on Mac and Windows.

iPhone+ | iOS 7.0 | FreeAndroid | OS 2.3 | Free

VINE

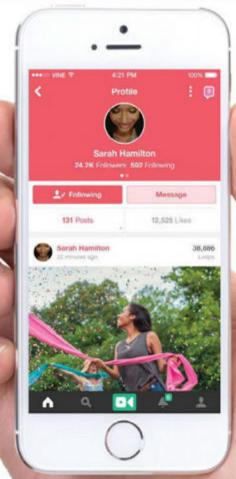


Another app so simple you wonder why you didn't come up with the idea yourself. *Vine* aims to do to video what *Twitter* did for words. You create minivideos no more

than six seconds long, and it can be of anything you want. You watch, create and share these looping videos whenever and wherever you want. Vine has created an entirely new medium for social media fanatics to express themselves and their creativity, empowering anyone to share their stories with world. There's a thriving social community at the centre of Vine that lets you find, follow and interact with other users. Recording a video is as simple as touching the screen to record. Hold your finger down to record and release to stop. It's amazing what people will fit into six seconds; there's magic and trickery, stop-motion animation and comedy sketches galore. Even some of the most famous people in the world are getting involved - Barack Obama posts Vines and David Cameron made a six-second short to acknowledge Nelson Mandela's death.

iPhone | iOS 7.0 | FreeAndroid | Varies | Free

"There's a thriving social community at the centre of Vine that lets you find, follow and interact with other users"



You get a profile in Vine, where all your videos live

COFFEE TABLE

IMMERSE YOURSELF IN THESE STYLISH AND INFORMATIVE APPS FOR IPAD

LIFE: **WONDERS OF** THE WORLD PHOTOGRAPHY BOOK

The photographs included here are at times breathtaking and will take you on a journey around some of the most visually stunning parts of our world. Information is kept to a minimum to give way to the images, but we did find the journey to be slightly too short. It works well as a distraction, but the experience could be improved with better content. Beautiful photographs from around the world, but it would be nice to see more of it.

iPad | iOS 3.2 | £3.99/\$4.99 | v1.1.6



THE GUITAR **COLLECTION:** GEORGE HARRISON

The unbelievable quality of the guitar imagery of the guitar imagery and added information make this offering feel like a coffee table app more than most ever do. Whether you are a fan of George Harrison or not though, it still makes for an experience that lends itself well to just picking it up, having a browse and putting it back down again. It's also extremely

good value.

A carefully created work with a slightly specialist subject, this is perfect for any

coffee table.

iPad+ | iOS 6.0
| £0.79/\$0.99 | v1.1



ANNE FRANK

You could never call the work of Anne Frank entertaining, but it is an important part of history and required reading for almost everyone. Here we have a sensitive reproduction of her diary complete with video and experience, which are all housed within a subtle interface. There are other features that offer more depth and information here too, such as the timeline, the documents and the maps. This is certainly an impressive

and inspiring app.
A legendary work transformed for the digital age.
Educational, enlightening and completely absorbing.

iPad | iOS 5.0 | £7.99/\$9.99 | v1.1



THE DOORS

A huge amount of interesting content has been packed into this official Doors app. This is a must-download for anyone interested in the band and you can peruse complete selection of sound clips to get your fix. The presentation has been carefully matched to the subject matter and despite feeling slightly clunky at times, it flows just enough to let the content shine old, recorded comments made by Jim Morrisson. True fans of The Doors will love this

interactive audible

and visual feast.

iPad | iOS 7.0

| Freemium | v3.1



THE ELEMENTS IN ACTION

The beautifully designed forms the heart of this entertaining and educational app. Tap any element and you will be presented with much more information alongside a high-quality video to confirm your newly found knowledge. When used alongside *The Elements by Theodore Gray*, the experience becomes even richer making it a masterpiece of

making it a master piece of mobile design.

This is a very clever and beautiful way to interact with and learn about all of the elements.

iPad+ | iOS 7.0 | £2.99/\$3.99 | v1.0.5









PERISCOPE

BROADCAST YOUR WORLD WITH TWITTER'S NEW LIVE STREAM VIDEO APP

Periscope is the latest app by Twitter, enabling users to stream live broadcasts via a smartphone. It integrates well with the social media service, not only requiring Twitter to log in but using it to flag up new rolling footage to followers, ensuring a good numbers of broadcasts have the chance of gaining decent audience figures.

Broadcasting takes mere seconds to set up. You tap the camera icon, give the broadcast a name and tailor the live stream to best suit your current needs. You can decide to share or hide your location or enable potential viewers to chat and leave comments. You can also opt out of tweeting about your video and you can make it a private showing.

The broadcast begins as soon you as hit the red button and continues until you swipe down. The video has to be made instantly available (you can't schedule them for a later time and date like with its main rival, *Meerkat*) but when you have finished, you get the option to save what you have filmed and make it available via *Periscope* for 24 hours.

PROS/CONS

- ▲ You can start broadcasting quickly
- It has a healthy social media userbase
- It can eat up data watch those plans
- You can't schedule your broadcasts

In the first two weeks of release *Periscope* attracted 120,000 users and many more have signed up since. That means there is also a lot of footage to watch and interact with. Just tap on a stream to open it up, 'heart' videos you like and send messages to the person filming in real-time.

This immediacy makes *Periscope* a winner. Other live video streaming apps have been made available in the past but *Periscope* makes the process more intuitive and straightforward. That said, there are some copyright and privacy concerns. It also eats up a lot of data and battery. But for budding citizen journalists or those who just want to share the moment, it is perfect.

Apps ***** FIVESTAR AWARD

Periscope has cracked the process of recording live video and getting it straight out to the masses to enjoy.

iPhone+ | iOS 7.1| Free | v1.0.3http://bit.ly/periscopeios



Above When people broadcast on *Periscope*, others can add comments



HOW TO... Broadcast on Periscope



Tap camera
There are four
icons along the bottom.
Tap the camera icon to
begin live broadcasting.



Q2 Add a name Periscope asks what you are seeing - it wants you to give your broadcast a title.



Select options
There are four
main options to choose
from, like making the
video private.



Q4 Start broadcasting

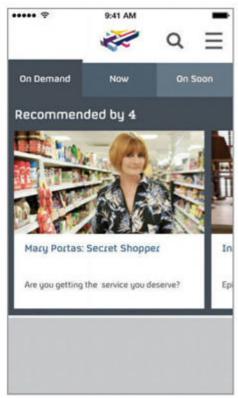
Tap the red button to start streaming or select

Stop Broadcast to end it.



05 Save it
The screen will
now blur and it will save
the video for replays. Tap
to save the footage.

ALL 4



There are a host of old Channel 4 box sets for you to enjoy

CATCH UP ON THE LATEST OFFERINGS FROM CHANNEL 4



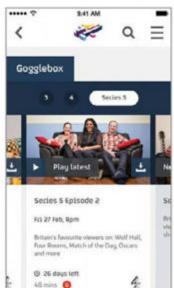
The on-demand television services of Channel 4 have undergone a revamp as the old *4oD* catch-up has made way for the new all-

singing and all-dancing All 4. In truth, it isn't immediately obvious what has changed but it does seem a bit slicker than before as the viewing options are neatly separated into Catch Up, Box Sets and Shorts.

The Catch Up section is a particular highlight as programmes are stored for up to a month after they initially aired so there are no excuses for missing the latest offerings from those loveable rogues on *Made In Chelsea*.

Pampered toffs aside, *All 4* has followed in the footsteps of the *BBC iPlayer* by allowing users to download some of their Catch Up shows, so you can watch programmes on your device even when you're offline. However, downloads are only available for 24 hours which is inconvenient for those who plan their download schedule in advance.

There is still no escape from the annoying adverts that dominated every little interlude on 4oD as they continue to loom large on this



Left A
simple
interface
makes it
easy to
search for
favourites

new version. The ads are a necessary evil for Channel 4 to make money of course, but the app will continue to come under fire for its failure to support Chromecast.

An improvement on 4oD but All 4 still has some way to go as it falls short of other ondemand services.

- iPhone+ | iOS 7.1 | Free | v5.1.1 http://bit.ly/all4ios
- Android | OS 4.0 | Free | v4.0 http://bit.ly/all4and

HIGHBALL MAINTAIN A COCKTAIL LIBRARY WITH THIS APP FOR BUDDING BARTENDERS



There are plenty of bartending apps around but *Highball*, like any self-respecting cocktail connoisseur, stands out from the crowd. Boasting an elegant but simple layout, *Highball* is a place to store your favourite



cocktail recipes. Each cocktail has its own individual card, which is visible from the homepage, and a simple click on the cocktail that strikes your fancy brings up a list of ingredients (in ounce or millimetre depending on your preference) and instructions.

Your own personal cocktail collection can be enhanced by adding recipes from a vast library, which includes a host of entries from the International Bartenders' Association, while there is also the option to create your own classy drink card.

Each of the individual cocktail cards can be edited to suit your own tastes and shared via *Facebook, Twitter* or even with the rest of the *Highball* community – it is never nice drinking alone after all.

It is worth noting that there are promotions for Studio Neat's Ice Kit and Simple Syrup Kit within the app but they are inoffensive and never interfere with the overall experience of what is a simple, but very effective, bit of kit for cocktail drinkers.

A place for the discerning drink-maker to store all of their favourite recipes for that next cocktail party.

iPhone+ | iOS 8.0 | Freemium | v1.02 http://bit.ly/highballios







Dingo is designed to focus the buying and selling of tickets in one space and,

because of this, you can be assured of reaching a targeted audience. It takes seconds to sign up and search for events that you are interested in. Even better are the interface and controls, which are as natural as you could hope for. There are no commissions or fees and the openness works, but we have a slight concern about security in the long run. Overall though it is effective.

Take the randomness out of ticket transactions with Dingo. It works very well.

iPhone+ | iOS 7.0 | Free | v1.0.5



RHYMEO



Rhymeo is a new app that has been created to help you develop your freestyling skills

when mobile. You can use a huge amount of included content such as rhymes, words and pictures, and you can then share your work with others on the platform. The design is perfectly suited to the genre it sits within and it really does offer inspiration at every turn to help develop your freestyling to a level that you would not have considered possible before using it. It's great fun.

Sharpen your freestyling skills and share the results with the world instantly.

iPad+ | iOS 8.0 | Free | v1.0



THE FIFA WEEKLY FOR IPHONE



This magazine is delivered every week automatically and it includes a range of

interesting articles and interviews that are related to some of the biggest names in the footballing world. The presentation is very professional and you can even shake your phone to have each article played audibly for you to listen to. It doesn't knock your socks off to be fair, but it is competent and well worth your time downloading.

**** AWARD

Any football fan will enjoy the wellwritten articles. ****

- iPhone+ | iOS 8.0 | Free | v1.0
- Android | 0S 4.0.3

| Free | v1.0.0





GOLF MEDIA -

TYLER, THE





HIPSTAMATIC DSPO



the content created

by Odd Future. It is irreverent, at times hard to understand, but it also has a very loyal following. The app offers an unusual design which suits the content, but we suspect that the ongoing price may feel a little too steep for some. It is one for serious fans only.

If you are fan, the price will be worth it, but likely not for the majority of users.

*** iPhone+ | iOS 7.0 Freemium v1.0.1

Android | OS 4.1 | Freemium | v1.0.1



Hipstamatic DSPO has been designed to let you snap photos and edit them which

is what you would expect, but there is a twist which may make you look even further into the app. You get to invite friends to join your camera and then set a time period for sharing to the group camera. It is very different to what we have seen before, but it can be confusing to use at first and may also require a little more effort than expected to get a sizeable group together. But it does have lots of future potential.

An unusual take on social photography that is a little tricky to use at times.

iPad+ | iOS 8.0 | Free | v1.0

THE EDIT BY **NET-A-PORTER**



NET-A-PORTER is a huge name in the fashion world and here we have a

magazine which encompasses all of the goodness you would expect to help you stay in vogue. With up-to-date news on the latest catwalks and the best new fashion, there is a lot to like here and you may even find a new outfit for the upcoming season as well. Everything from the interviews to the in-depth articles shine with the app only becoming a little too busy on occasion. If you like fashion, you will love this app.

The fashion world just got smaller and more interesting. A capable production.

iPad+ | iOS 7.0 | Free | v2.0.1



imovie

Apple's professional, low-cost, easy-to-use, creative moviemaker is still remarkable,

hooking into iCloud, providing a host of features and giving a choice of 14 trailer templates as well. Movies can also be published to YouTube.

• iPhone+ | iOS 8.3 | £3.99/\$4.99 | v2.1.2

<mark>02</mark> Pinnacle Studio

Based on Avid technology, Pinnacle Studio delivers highend precision editing with layer upon layer of functions. Using media from many sources, editing is intuitive and it has many built-in effects.

• iPad | iOS 7.0 £7.99/\$9.99 v5.2.3

<mark>03</mark> VIDEON WITH ZOOM, PAUSE, FILTERS, EFFECTS AND EÒITOR

Taking you through the whole process - from filming to editing - *Videon* lets you adjust frame rates, stabilise video, correct colour and exposure, trim and add many effects.

• iPhone+ | iOS 7.0 | £3.99/\$4.99 | v2.11

<mark>04</mark> GRIDPLAY

It's a one-trick pony but the grid-like effects delivered by this app give a mountain of recording options and enable you to be effortlessly creative when producing mini uploadable movies.

• iPhone+ | iOS 7.0 | £1.49/\$1.99 | v1.2.2

<mark>05 magisto –</mark> magical VIDEO EDITOR

A simple video-editing app, Magisto doesn't just work with videos, it will even stitch photos together into a sequence and you can then apply themes and a soundtrack.

• iPhone+ | iOS 7.0 Freemium v3.7.1 Android | Varies | Freemium | Varies

WHAT'S UP, DOC?

GET A DIFFERENT KIND OF HOUSE CALL WITH THESE MEDICAL MARVELS

FIRST AID BY BRITISH RED CROSS

Know what to do in an emergency with the British Red Cross' official first aid app. It is completely free and simple with advice and frequently asked questions on 18 everyday first-aid scenarios. Videos, step-by-step instructions, animations and even quizzes make this app fun and easy to pick up.

Your personal panic button, this instantly accessible app could potentially help save a life in an emergency.

> If necessary, call 999 or get someone else to do it.

What should I do if back blows

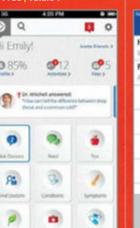
• iPhone+ | iOS 7.0 | Free | v2.1.0 Android | 0S 4.0.3

| Free | v2.0.1 | Free | v5.1.64 Q Hit them firmly on their back Hi Emily! between the shoulder blades to dislodge the object.

HEALTHTAP

Rather than having to drag yourself down to a clinic when you feel unwell, have an instant consultation 24/7 with a doctor via video chat with *HealthTap*. Don't feel up to a video chat? The new Apple Watch extension lets you send and receive messages from your doctor. The downside? *HealthTap* is only available in the US and consultation prices start at \$44 *HealthTap* offers an innovative alternative to waiting for an appointment or, worse, asking Google.

iPhone+ | iOS 7.0| Free | v5.0.20Android | OS 4.0



SYSTMONLINE

Proactively manage your care with this free download. Through the SystmOnline app you are able to update your contact details, book appointments with your local surgery, request repeat prescriptions, view your medical record and more. While this app was designed by NHS England, you will need to check if your individual GP has actually adopted the app yet.

It isn't much to look at, but this app offers medical support that is free at the point of use.

- iPhone+ | iOS 7.0 | Free | v5.0
- Android | 0S 4.0.3 | Free | v5

14/01 Health Assessment? Flu Vaccination 14/01

FAMILY ILLNESS AND SHOT TRACKER

Keep a diary of your family's health, illness, and shot history with this simple app. You can also export data via email and, to keep data secure, you can apply a PIN code to the app to keep your mind at ease. Unfortunately, it has not been

updated since 2011, so not only does it look a bit outdated, it's also not optimised for larger iPhone screens

Essentially a database, this app is quite expensive for its minimal functionality. It's overdue an update.

iPhone+ | iOS 3.1.3| £1.49/\$1.99 | v2.0

BABYLON

Similar to *HealthTap* but covering the UK,

Babylon lets you video

chat with your doctor, as well as text and send images. The app provides access to medical records and you can monitor your health, pulling in data from your fitness band. Babylon costs, either £4.99 a month or £29 for a pay-as-you-go appointment.

More reasonably priced than HealthTap and with a wider



set of features, Babylon is a medical marvel.

- iPhone+ | iOS 7.0 | Freemium | v1.8.4 Android | OS 4.2
- | Freemium | v1.8.4





ENLIGHT

WANT TO DO MORE THAN ADD PHOTO FILTERS? ENLIGHT THEM



There are many photo-editing apps in the App Store but *Enlight* aims to replace them all by providing as wide a range of features as possible. It's a bold aim and yet it is not without

merit. *Enlight* really is feature-packed, ensuring even the worst of photos have an opportunity to shine.

The first time you use the app, it can annoy you with pop-ups explaining how each element works. Once you get those out of the way, the experience becomes more fluid. You can crop, skew or refit images, or make alterations to the contrast, exposure, colour correction and curves.

But it's when you become creative that the app starts to shine. The reshape option is lovely, letting you tug at parts of your central image in order to make it appear bloated or smaller. You can also blend images to gain some amazing effects including double exposure. If you like to change photographs into paintings, you can do this too, with options for urban looks and sketches. There are also loads of effects and decals made from text that can jazz up images.

PROS/CONS

- ▲ The gestures control are easy to learn
- It is packed with great features
- The in-app camera is too basic
- There is no iPad version available

By making all of these processes very simple, the photoediting process is sped up. It relies on gestures which gives you a better feel for what you are doing, making it more intuitive, and it also reduces screen clutter. Indeed, you only see what you need to. There is no iPad version, strangely, but we would expect this feature would work very well on those devices in the future too.

At any point, you can change an image by scrolling through the Camera Roll at the bottom of the screen and tapping on a new picture. If you want to take a fresh pic, you can use the in-app camera but it's nothing amazing. In fact, that will be the only time you'll end up leaving this app. For everything else, this is nigh on perfect.



A great all-in-one image editor with many features that can help to produce some outstandingly good results.

iPhone | iOS 8.1 | £4.49/\$5.99 | v1.0.1 http://bit.ly/enlightios



Above The menu appears to the right of the screen but only when you need it



HOW TO...

Replace Instagram's editing features



Choose image
Choose a photo
you want to use from
your Camera Roll at the
bottom of the screen.



Q2 Add features
We're going to
include some text. Select
the text option from the
right-hand menu.



Change look
Continue to
play around with the
photo by adjusting the
exposure for example.



Instagram it
Choose Finalise
from the Menu and
select Instafit. This puts
the image into a box.



D5 Send it
Use the upload button to send the perfectly sized image to others via *Instagram*.

ARPANO TRAVEL BOOK TRAVEL THE WORLD WITH STUNNING PHOTOGRAPHS





Created by a group of Russian photo enthusiasts, AirPano is an app for which the word 'stunning' was invented. It is a beautifully

presented offering that starts by showing you a series of cartoon-like pop-up books. But once you start to explore, it gives you a wide selection of some of the most awe-inspiring 3D images we have seen.

The quality of the panoramic photos are incredible and you really get a

> feeling of being there. You are able to filter down to the wonders of the world: cities in the day and at night,

STUNNING PHOTOGRAPHS

mountains, resorts and historical places, easily hopping from one place to the other via a map dotted with colourful markers. You can't see every location of interest in the world - there are none in the UK, and just two in Africa - but there is enough to keep you very interested.

What it isn't, though, is Google Earth. You're not able to fly around for miles and miles. Instead, the photos are taken from a fixed vantage point and you are limited to whatever the photographer has taken from there. That is disappointing at times but the developers do not promise anything more. There is a gyroscope option for a bird's-eye view of a location, though, as well as information on each

> A photobook app packed with inspiration and jawdropping images that is frequently updated.

iPhone+ | iOS 7.0 |£2.29/\$2.99|v2.2 http://bit.ly/ airpanoios

Left There are shots of locations at night as well as during the day



WEEK WEATHER

WILL IT BE RAIN OR SUN THIS **WEEK? FIND OUT INSTANTLY**



Weather experts say the limit for making forecasts is between ten and 14 days. That's good news to anyone using Week Weather which

not only concentrates on a smaller timescale of seven days but presents the data in such a way that it makes it easier than any of its rival apps to see what the elements are set to throw at you in the days to follow.

The app presents the weather over seven columns for your current location, running the times down the side so you get a good idea of the forecasts throughout each day. You can slide up and down to contract or expand the data, and you can choose from the general forecast to specific information about the temperature, clouds, rain, wind and humidity.

By tapping on one of the blocks within a column, you get a comprehensive snapshot the data relating to that day and time period and, if you want to view the weather reports for another location, you just tap the + and enter a name. Sometimes the app is a little slow to respond to a tap but it's a minor negative.

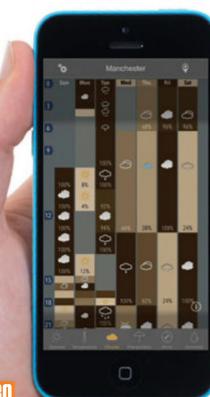


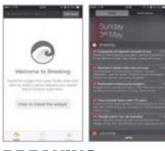
Left The app picks up your location and shows you a good overview

For overall, Week Weather is a brilliant offering. You can tailor it to suit the metrics you want and you can also alter the time period from 24-hour to 12-hour for easier viewing. More importantly, it appears to be accurate certainly for the locations we looked at anyway.

This is well designed and shows you a solid view of the week's weather in a flash (of lightning).

• iPhone+ | iOS 8.1 | £1.49/£1.99 | v1.1 http://bit.ly/weekweatherios





BREAKING ~ **NEWS IN YOUR** TODAY VIEW



Being able to display the latest news in your Today View offers many benefits,

but there are some problems which slightly limit the experience. You can only set a maximum of five stories to display which also requires manual address entering. The addition of recommended feeds could speed things up.

Potentially brilliant, but hampered by the set-up process and imposed limits. ***

iPad+ | iOS 8.0 |£2.29/\$2.99 | v1.2.1







There are many reasons to track periods and fertility, and this app offers a

variety of tools within a friendly interface. The range of features is high and we had no problem understanding how to use it, but it did struggle at times with unusual irregularities which may make it difficult for some people to use. However, we liked that couples can use it together and the professional way it has been designed. A clever solution.

A clever tool to manage fertility and other important aspects in a fun wav.

• iPhone+ | iOS 7.0 Freemium v2.2.1

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GLP - GREAT IITTIF PLACE



GLP is a very clever solution that lets you share great new places to visit

and read the recommendations of others. The app offers lots of detailed information on each place that is shared, but we did notice a lack of information in certain areas. Over time it could grow to be an indispensable tool which will let you quickly find new places to go, but until then it is a little sparse.

We all know one perfect place to visit so why not share it with everyone you know?

**** iPhone+ | iOS 7.1 Free | v1.2.3



SNAPSEED



Snapseed is quite rightly regarded by many as the best photo editor available

and in the 2.0 version there are now many new features to improve the experience even further than before. You can copy edits between images, adjust lens blur in multiple directions and even use a spot repair tool to fix blemishes. The best just got a little bit better and it's of course still highly recommended.



One of the best, now with even more advanced features.

iPad+ | iOS 8.0 | Free | v2.0.1 Android | OS 4.1 | Free

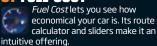
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FUEL COST



• iPhone+ | iOS 7.0 £0.79/\$0.99 v2.5

CAR MINDER PLUS



Ensure you know when your car is due for its service and when it needs its MOT. With inputs for repairs, oil changes and tyres, you'll

keep your car in tip-top shape • iPhone+ | iOS 7.0

£2.29/\$2.99 v3.5

HONK - FIND CAR PARKING METER ALARM AND NEARBY PLACES



We've all dashed back to a meter too late, unsure how long was left. Honk sets a timer,

knows where you are and alerts you when it's time to start heading back.

iPhone+ | iOS 7.0
| £0.79/\$0.99 | v1.7.0

14 TOMTOM U.K. & IRELAND



TomTom is a pricey app but it's still cheaper than buying a sat nav. It has voice-guided turn-by-turn car navigation and four free map updates a year.

iPhone+ | iOS 7.0 | £25.99/\$34.99 | v1.2 • Android | OS 2.2 | £36.11/\$46.28 | v1.4

WITNESS DRIVING

Dash cams are becoming more popular given what some would believe to be falling driving standards. It will record up to an hour of video and even store insurance details

iPhone+ | iOS 5.0
 | £0.69/\$0.99 | v1.1
 Android | OS 2.2 | Free | v1.9



LUMIKIDS BEACH



LumiKids Beach offers an immediately positive experience thanks to the cleverly

designed colourful interface that should grab the attention of very young children immediately. There are many games that are available to play and most involve simple touching and dragging to complete tasks which should also be educational in the right child's hands. We loved the simplicity of the graphics and sounds, and we are sure that parents will also enjoy the experience along with their children.

A colourful and fun educational experience for parents and very young children.

iPad | iOS 7.0 | Free | v1.0.1



The idea of an app that attempts to help you create an entire outfit without the

need to do any work yourself is not new in any way, but the way that *Polyvore Remix* works lifts it above much of the competition available in the app market. We experimented with many items of clothing and we were pleasantly surprised at how effectively it could create selections of clothing that really did work well together. The clothing items are pleasing throughout and the algorithm behind it has obviously been very cleverly created.

POLYVORE REMIX



An innovative way to quickly create an entire outfit.

iPhone+ | iOS 7.0 Free | v1.5

PORTFOLIO

BUY. SELL. NOW. BE A SHARP TRADER WITH PORTFOLIO

PROS/CONS

- ▲ It offers real-time updating and notifications
- The daily data is clearly presented
- There is no support for Sterling or FTSE
- International users may want to look elsewhere



If you own shares in a company, then you will know how hard it can be to keep up to speed with the changing markets. Prices move throughout the day and it's important to stay

on top of things to make sure your investments are reaping the best rewards.

Portfolio: Stock Tracker & Brockerage Companion makes this task easier. It lets you input your share portfolio by simply searching its database for listed companies. Once you have found a firm, you just tap in the number of shares you have and the price you bought each one for. The app will then update on how they are performing every day.

What marks out *Portfolio* as something rather special is its straightforward nature. It doesn't bombard you with intricate, pointless features and nor does it distract you with adverts. It doesn't even require an account so you can just get on with the task in hand without worrying that the app's developers have a handle on the shares you own.

And yet despite its relative simplicity, it is also comprehensive. You can tap to get the day's activity charted in a line graph. The reports can be toggled between percentage gains and Dollar gains, and you can view the

Dow, NASDAQ and S&P 500. But there's the problem. For all of its lovely presentation and intuitive navigation, those in the UK will be disappointed to learn there is no Sterling support and neither is there a FTSE entry. *Portfolio* is limiting its market and making it less useful for many.

Still, there is much to commend. You can turn on notifications, giving you daily summaries, short earnings reports and price movements. You can get a good overview of individual shares, looking at the closing and opening prices and the dividend. It all makes for a tight, focused package which takes the brunt out of portfolio checking.

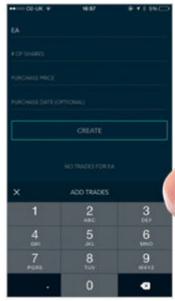
Portfolio needs more worldwide support, but for those in the United States, it's a must-have shares app.

iPhone+ | iOS 7.1 | Free | v0.9.7 http://bit.ly/portfolioios





Above As you search the database, the results present themselves in real-time



Above It is easy to add data to your portfolio with very few questions asked

HOW TO...

Add trades to Portfolio



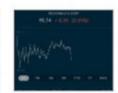
Click Add
Go to your portfolio
and tap Add Trades.
You can add as many
companies as you wish.



Q2 Search trades
Type in the search
box to look for a relevant
company. Then just tap a
firm's name.



Inputting data
Put in the share
price and number of
shares, why not add a
purchase date too?



Q4 Viewing data
The data can be displayed by day, week, month, three months or year with a simple tap.



15 Unfollow trades If you don't want to follow a trade, tap Unfollow and confirm you want to delete it.

OFFICE LENS

MICROSOFT PUTS A SIMPLE SCANNER IN THE PALM OF YOUR HAND

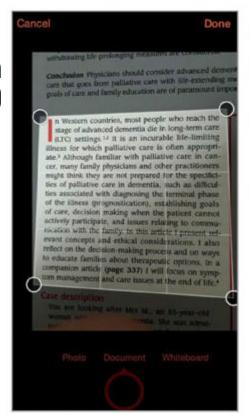


Office Lens was originally created by Microsoft for its own Windows Phone but this scanner app has finally come to iOS. It lets you

scan documents as well as whiteboards or blackboards and it also uses optical character recognition for later searching.

When you line up a document, the software detects its boundaries. You press the capture button and the app creates an image and cleans it up so that the text is crisp. It also removes glare and shadows from whiteboards, providing a tidier scan but taking shots of a monitor makes a distorted, unreadable effect).

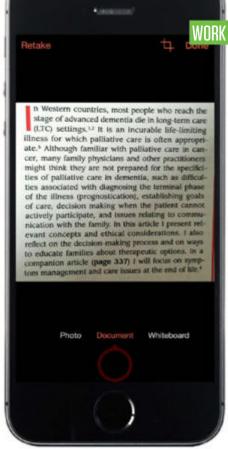
On many occasions, though, you have to refine the boundaries yourself because Office Lens doesn't always line the scans up properly. The app also requires you to export the scans to one of Microsoft's services if you want to save them and that entails you having an account with the company. It's no biggie and you can get around that by sending documents



Above Manually select parts to save them

to yourself by email or to the Photo Library but it may put some people off scanning any sensitive documents.

But then again, this app is meant to work with other Microsoft applications. It links well with OneNote, OneDrive and PowerPoint while also enabling PDF exporting and the easy



importing of images worked on elsewhere. For Microsoft users, it's a must.

Office Lens is a dependable, easy-to-use app that puts simplicity at its heart.

iPhone+ | iOS 8.0 | Free | v1.0.1 http://bit.ly/officelensios

Left You can create checklists for your calendar items and tick them off when finished

Schedule a meeting Schedule a meeting Schedule a meeting

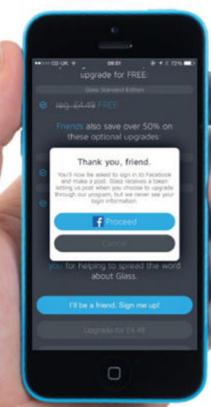
graphics, tags, projects and tasks that can really improve your planning skills. One thing that we don't like, though, is the upgrade process where you have to either pay or enable the app to write a promotional post on your Facebook wall.

The app makers agree that Glass is controversial but stick at it and it becomes intuitive and less of a chore.

iPhone+ | iOS 6.0 | Freemium | v1.5.2 http://bit.ly/glassplannerios

GLASS PLANNER

A DIFFICULT TASK MANAGER, BUT IT'S ALL WITH REASON





You know something is going to be complicated when an app instantly tells you it starts with a reduced feature-set to enable you to learn

the ropes before being gently eased in. More so when the explanations for each step have to be read and reread a few times in order to 'get it'. There is no doubt Glass Planner is

comprehensive and makes very good use of the screen. At the top are two lines of dates for the current calendar month and beneath is a list of forthcoming days with their associated entries. There is a horizontal insertion cursor that has to be in the right place before you can add an item, appointment or calendar note for a day. You can then view these later with a simple tap.

But the constant bombardment of pop-ups explaining each expect of the app threatens to suck the early life out of it and using Glass Planner is a mind-bending chore that quickly bores. Yet when you stick at it, it does begin to click. Its organisational ability is unparalleled and it feels slick and solid - more so, when you upgrade to the Standard Edition and get coloured

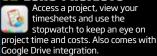


<u>FLOW - TEAM TASKS</u>



- iPhone+ | iOS 8.0 | Freemium | v3.5.2 | Android | OS 4.0.3
- | Freemium | v1.8

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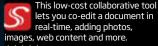
- iPhone+ | iOS 6.0 | Freemium | v2.1.5
- Android | 0S 2.2 | Freemium | v1.6.14

03 HUDDLE

A *Huddle* subscription starts from \$20/month and files can be managed, reviewed and commented on.

- iPhone+ | iOS 7.0 | Freemium | v2.7.0 | Android | OS 4.1 | Freemium | v2.0.3.7a8394d

04 METAMOJI SHARE



- iPhone+ | iOS 6.0| £5.99/\$7.99 | v3.6.0Android | OS 4.0
- £4.03/\$7.99 v3.1.0.0

05 OUTLINER

Outliner provides the sketching out of projects with shareable to-do lists and trackable fundamental features.

iPhone+ | iOS 6.0 | £3.99/\$4.99 | v3.6.0





RESCUE LENS



Remote support is extremely useful when a company needs to ensure that

employees are always able to use the IT tools that are given to them. This support can then be undertaken in many ways, but Rescue Lens uses the camera to show what is going wrong with the device. This is great when dealing with printers and photocopiers, but there are better solutions for computers which is where most problems will occur.

A good idea, but one which may struggle to gain traction in the real world.

- iPad+ | iOS 7.0 | Free | v1.0.105
- Android | OS 4.1 | Free | v1.0.5



HAYSTACK **BUSINESS CARD**



Business cards may sound like something from the past, but they are still very

common and so it makes sense to turn yours into a digital file to share with others instantly. This app makes your card look better and you can also save scans of received cards, but we do wonder how useful this is in the modern age as there are other ways to connect with new contacts. It will still be useful to some.

Carry a digital business card with you and scan the ones that you receive.

- iPhone+ I iOS 7.0 Free | v2.0.3
- Android | OS 4.0.3
 - | Free | v2.1.2



CALIBER



Can yet another messenger app really offer enough benefits to make it

worth installing? Well, it would seem that Caliber can because it is very good at sourcing all of your business contacts from multiple sources and then letting you make contact with them in seconds with those who could be beneficial in a work context. The interface is professional, providing an account profle with essential information and it all works in the right way. A professional messenger

which works perfectly in a corporate environment.

- iPhone+ | iOS 7.0 | Free | v2.0.2
- Android | OS 4.1 | Free | v1.0.3



SLIDEMAIL



SlideMail is one of many mobile apps that can help you manage your inbox

in a more natural way, but does it offer enough to make it stand out? In terms of design and usability, it most certainly does and we enjoyed using it to manage our overflowing inbox, but at the same time it does feel similar to much of the competition. Over time, it claims to understand how you work and at that point it could well become the best email client, but that will take a while.

A well-designed email client that would benefit from many more unique features.

iPhone+ | iOS 8.0 | Free | v1.0.4



ZERO – INBOX ZERO FMAIL CLIENT



There are many unique traits built in to Zero and it will take some time to get used

to. It is focused on helping you get to the magical zero inbox so that you can get on with real work and we reserve judgement on how good it is at that task, but we have been impressed with the way it displays emails and how it works with multiple email providers. Once you understand how it works, you will no doubt enjoy it, but you will need to persevere to truly benefit.

A unique email client with many useful features, but it takes time to understand.

- iPhone+ | iOS 7.1 | Free | v1.1
- Android | 0S 4.0.3

| Free | v2.1.2



SNAPSOLVE



You know how it goes. Almost all of your homework is done and there is

one question that is stopping you from submitting it. This is where Snapsolve comes in because you can take a photo of the question and upload it to the service to get an answer. In our tests we received a couple of answers quickly and one after a day, so it does seem to work. You can pay for a quicker service, but ultimately we have been extremely impressed.

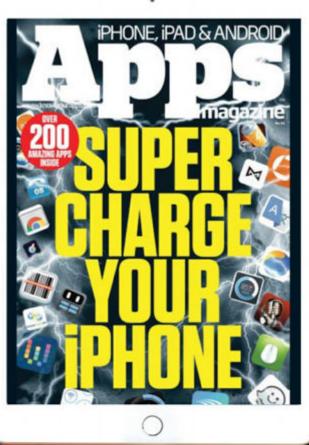
Get help with your homework at any time. This useful service really does work.

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TIME TO PLAY

GET YOUR GAMING FIX WITH THESE GREAT APPLE WATCH GAMES

LETTER ZAP

Word games are ap on Apple Watch, bu Letter Zap looks to

Letter Zap looks to do something different. Put words together as quick as possible across increasingly challenging levels. The variety is good, but the game can be temperamental when recognising certain touches on the screen. During the time we spent with it, we experienced a few crashing issues as well. We'd love to recommend Letter Zap, but it's just far too prone to crashing and reliability issues.

iPhone+ | iOS 7.0



TOBY

the Nineties Tamagotchi craze. You're put in control of a dog and it's up to you to take care of him. While feeding and playing with him is a lot of fun on the Apple Watch, the constant notifications you receive on your wrist when he needs something can get a tad annoying. However, it's certainly one that our younger readers

If you can put up with the constant notifications, then *Toby* is an adorable dog that needs your attention.

o iPhone+ | iOS 8.2 | Free



BOXPOP

Clear grids of boxes without getting stuck and running out of moves in BoxPop. This is simple enough to play and good fun for a while too. As far as puzzle games go, BoxPop doesn't offer anything new to what we've seen previously. However, the Apple Watch version does bring daily puzzles for users to conquer, which does keep the game feeling fresh for a good amount of time. BoxPop doesn't bring anything new, but it's still one of the better Apple Watch games.

iPhone+ | iOS 7.0 | Freemium



RULES!

If you

If you haven't already played *Rules!* on the iPhone already, why

iPhone already, why haven't you? This compulsive game requires you to do simple tasks as quickly as you possibly can for example, counting up, recognising colours and other simple tasks. Its small size makes it a great fit for the Apple Watch, but it perhaps doesn't have the longevity we found in some of the others games that we tested in this group.

Simple to play, but hard to master. But a little too short.

• iPhone+ | iOS 7.1 | £2.29/\$2.99



RUNEBLADE

Runeblade offers a unique RPG experience solely on your wrist. The game is packed with various spells and runes to help improve your band of heroes, and the variety is surprisingly vast. It's also one of the best-looking games of the group, and this is especially true for the fantastic animations of the various monsters you end up facing as

RPG genere that's built perfectly for your wrist.

iPhone+ | iOS 8.2 | Free







Above The repetitive Tower battles are broken up with a screen-tapping minigame called Test Your Might - the goal is to tap to break different items

Letf Sub-Zero's moves can be irritating to play against, and when multiplayer is added it could become a pay-to-win nightmare

Below On-screen damage counters make the game's inner workings more visible - handy considering the game's layout

MORTAL KOMBAT X

A RINNDY MESS

PROS/CONS

- Functional fan service for those au fait with the series
- Some occasionally satisfying finishing moves to try
- Bloated, repetitive content backed up with a crippling reliance on IAPs
- Visuals aim too high and the app just can't keep up with them



A stiff and puppet-like Sub-Zero freezes the body of his long-time rival Scorpion, who is encased in too-blue ice that looks flat and simple. He pushes him back and Scorpion

shatters into thousands (well, about 12) pieces on the floor. "Fatality" comes up in blood on the screen. Mortal Kombat is back, and you can take it anywhere...

Well, at least that's what the app wants you to believe. The reality, sadly, is much less positive - unless you've got the newest, shiniest iPad, this game will likely stutter, crash and freeze at every opportunity. Also, the visuals - which might look impressive in these static screenshots - tear and distort, making it very unclear where you're at during a fight.

The main *Mortal Kombat X* experience here sees you saunter through a loose story mode with a team of three characters, tapping and swiping the screen to dispatch opponents. There's no challenge to it, not really, but you will find you're often pitted against the most ferocious enemy of all: the paywall.

Mortal Kombat X suffers from reliance on microtransactions, but doesn't even have a satisfying gameplay hook to help you see past the sheer audacity of the online store. Prompts often pop up for three different kinds of currency (two of which need real money to obtain), and while you can get through the game without paying, you'll



find yourself grinding the same battles over and over a lot to compensate for keeping your resolve.

The attackers in the game want you to cave in and die, well he wants you to cave in and buy that £10 IAP pack, just so you can rip his cheeky head off.

We'd have stopped playing a long time ago if we weren't trying to unlock main game Mortal Kombat content. Avoid.

- iPad+ | iOS 6.0 | Freemium | v1.1 http://bit.ly/mortalkomxios
- Android | OS 4.0 | Freemium | v1.1 http://bit.ly/mortalkomand

ALTERNATIVELY

Here are five other games that'll satisfy the fighter within...

01 STREET FIGHTER II COLLECTION

The issue of your finger obscuring the screen because of the virtual stick aside, this is basically the exact same game released in arcades back in 1991.

• iPad+ | iOS 5.0 £2.99/\$3.99 v1.00.01

02 STREET FIGHTER X **TEKKEN MOBILE**



brawler. The online play is still surprisingly strong too, if you can stomach all the tag-in, tag-out fighting.

• iPad+ | iOS 5.0 £2.29/\$2.99 v1.01.01

03 MARVEL VS. CAPCOM 2



the previously mentioned Tekken affair and Marvel Vs Capcom 2 remains one of the most satisfying fighting games in the world, on mobile is no different

o iPad+ | iOS 5.0 £0.69 v1.00.01

04 SOUL CALIBUR

If you're willing to shell out £10 \iint to download this game, make sure you have space for 19 characters, full 3D graphics and a deep fighting system's worth of space!

iPad+ I iOS 4.3 £10.99/\$14.99 v1.1.2

05 BLADES OF FURY



iPad+ | iOS 5.1 £3.99 | v1.0.6

the price.

DUCKTALES: REMASTERED

PROS/CONS

- Lovingly remastered with great devotion to source material
- A solid platformer with strong level design too
- The bosses give irritating punctuation to each level
- On-screen controls handle make the game feel 'floaty'



Until Nintendo starts releasing its classic platformers on iOS, anyone hankering for a taste of nostalgic gaming will have to go a bit left-field - and DuckTales: Remastered is

a perfect place to start. Riffing on the nostalgia that the original DuckTales inspired in even the most casual of fans, the old NES game has actually come out fairly unscratched from the, sometimes unkind, remastering process.

The pixel art hasn't aged spectacularly, so the team replaced them with fluidly animated sprites. There's an argument to be said that an option to switch between new and old styles wouldn't have gone amiss, but the redo is still exemplary. The voices of the main cast have been rerecorded for the remaster too: hearing 95-year-old Alan Young's take on Uncle McScrooge is worth the asking price alone. The insistence on constantly padding out the game with cinematics affects pace though and can be frustrating.

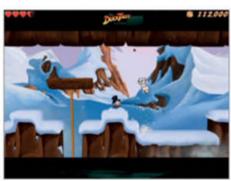
Gameplay-wise, we're no longer surprised by how little touch controls work with platfromers, but aside from that, age hasn't been kind to DuckTales. Boss fights have been redone and become cookie-cutter 'react to the pattern' puzzle fights - they're simply uninteresting, too easy and overly long. The length of the available levels generally leaves you wanting more especially as you're paying £8 for a four-to-five hour experience.

DuckTales remains as entertaining as it always has been though, despite our nit-picking. You can still hop around the game atop your pogo-cum-walking stick, you can still dive beak-first into a pile of gold coins, and you can still replay the game to unlock the multiple endings it has to offer.

A solid platformer that's perfect for kids but might be a little trite for adults. This is an essential for Disney fans, die-hard or otherwise.

- iPad+ | iOS 7.1 | £7.99/\$9.99 | v1.0.1 http://bit.lv/Ducktalesremios
- Android | OS 4.2 | £8.08/\$9.99 | v1.0 http://bit.ly/ducktalesremand

Below Nostalgia abound for any DuckTales fanatic





Above The redone assets are fantastic - the remaster is much better than the old pixel art

"The length of the available levels generally leaves you wanting more"



ALTERNATIVE

Here are five other remade masterpieces

O1 RAYMAN JUNGLE RUN

Not exactly a remaster, but it's very similar to the Rayman PSOne games. It's colourful, and well put together.

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02 SONIC THE HEDGEHOG 2

Sonic 2 comes with a new level that was originally dropped from the game. The audio is amazing too.

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- Android | OS 2.3 £2.11/\$2.99 v3.15

03 CRASH BANDICOOT NITRO KART 2

Not officially remade, but Crash's second foray into kart racing on iOS is pleasantly similar to its PS2 version. Minus

the draw distances and varied cast though.

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04 TOMB RAIDER

Lara Croft's original adventure is neat here. It's great for shoot-outs, spelunking and tomb raiding.

- o iPad+ | iOS 7.0 £0.99/\$0.99 v1.0.1
- Android | OS 2.3 £0.99/\$0.99 v1.0.20RC

05 CASTLE OF ILLUSION



The Sega Mega Drive's seminal hit has been

completely revamped, with 3D graphics, overhauled soundscape and a few tweaks to the levels.

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- Android | Varies | £0.99/\$9.99 | Varies

DOMINATIONS IS IT BETTER THAN CLASH OF CLANS?





Brian Reynolds may not be a household name but when it comes to combat strategy game, he certainly knows what he is

doing. He has helped design games such as *Sid Meier's Civilization II, Rise of Nations* and *FrontierVille* so when *DomiNations* was announced, it got many people very excited.

There is a noticeable *Civilization* influence.
You start in the Stone Age and you
have to evolve to the space age. This

is done by producing a habitable, defendable settlement for your people and expanding by battling against other tribes in a bid to reign supreme. It entails a lot of tapping around, creating buildings and battlements, and training up your men for a fight. It also needs a careful eye on resources.

The presentation is intricate and the interaction fiddly. There is also a huge dollop of paid-for content. If you decide you don't want to pay then you will find yourself restricted in terms of the number of houses you can have and how many citizens can live there. That is part and parcel of these kinds of games, though, and it means you really have to become hooked if you want to get the most out of it. You will find yourself returning though, just to tweak a few things here and there. It is nothing if not addictive.

DomiNations feels far more substantial than its rival Clash of Clans.

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Android | OS 3.0| Freemium | v1.3.62http://bit.ly/dominationsand

LETTERCRAFT

CREATE THE LONGEST WORDS POSSIBLE IN THE TIME FRAME

Word-based games have long proven to be rather addictive and Lettercraft is of course no exception. At face value, it doesn't appear to be particularly original – there's a grid and you make words based upon the letters which appear in it. But each of the 70 levels brings a certain freshness to the table, thanks in no short measure to the fact that some of

the tiles vanish.

Whether you are concentrating on making words containing the letter A or just racking up as many points as you can to win a level, this is a game that can keep you on your toes. The tiles change colour as you continue to play and you have to watch out for the red tiles in particular. If you don't use

them in time then they disappear and the potential for word making and for points amassing is therefore reduced.

How you play depends on how adept you become at the game.
There are easy, normal and hard levels, and an adrenaline-pumping survival mode which you can only unlock if you obtain 20 stars on the normal difficulty. There is also a



Left As time goes on, some tiles turn red and you start to lose them

multiplayer mode for going head-to-head with others over Bluetooth to see who lasts longest. It's just a shame that the app only gives you five levels for free although the upgrade cost is relatively low. That said, charging for game statistics and themes is a tad mean.

Lettercraft is an addictive but familiar kind of word game that spices things up with its tile time limits.

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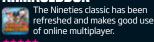
MINECRAFT -POCKET EDITION

You can play within the world of Minecraft with friends, enjoying the creative experience whilst taking this game on the road.

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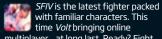
This first-person space shooter is massively popular and the best mobile game of its type. It comes into its own in multiplayer.

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<mark>04</mark> Street Fighter IV VALT



with familiar characters. This time *Volt* bringing online multiplayer... at long last. Ready? Fight.

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BADLAND



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LAST VOYAGE



It is extremely difficult to explain what Last Voyage is all about, but we have to

recommend that you at least give it a try. Some of the challenges are bizarre as you have to deal with visual puzzles that often offer the smallest of clues. The soundtrack is beautiful and it is immersive throughout, and the more you solve the riddles, the more addictive it becomes. It is original, highly unusual and great fun whenever you start to play it.



An unusual game which feels very different. ****

• iPad+ | iOS 7.0 £0.79/\$0.99 v1.0.6







HABBO



The idea behind *Habbo* is truly excellent and when you first start playing,

it does become hard to put down. You can make new friends as you gradually build your own virtual world and also play in groups which is great fun. However, there are glitches which take away the enjoyment and it needs tweaking to reach its full potential.

A brilliant idea hampered by some problems which take away a lot of the fun.

- iPad+ | iOS 8.0 | Freemium | v1.10.0
- Android | OS 4.2 | Freemium | v1.9





BRUTUS & FUTÉE



Despite the child-like nature of the graphics in Brutus & Futée, there is actually quite

a lot of depth involved in the various chapters. You have to paint and touch objects to progress and it works as a clever introduction to the world of platform gaming for younger children. Even adults will enjoy many of the features that are within this game.

A charming platform-style game for children that adults will also enjoy a lot.

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- |£2.29/\$2.99|v1.0 Android | OS 2.3 £2.29/\$2.99 v1.1





GROW ME UP!



In this game you have to help Alex grow to 100 years old. He starts out as a baby

and you have to catch all of the food that flies over the screen and drag it down to him. The graphics and sounds are excellent, as is the control mechanism, but over time it does become repetitive. We like how it works and it holds some charm, but a lot more variety will be needed to keep children coming back for more. A few tweaks and it will be areat.

A fun game for children which is good at the start, but can become repetitive.

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TEN LARGE



When you first start playing Ten Large, it feels quite difficult because it

is not obvious what you need to do. However, as you start to understand what is involved, the experience becomes incredibly addictive. With nods to Minesweeper and other classics, there is a sense of familiarity, but with a pace which means that at times it feels like a truly frantic puzzler. We would say to give it a try to see if the experience works for you. We like it a lot.

It feels like a mixture of many classic games, but it remains highly original.

iPad+ | iOS 7.0 | Free | v1.2







HELLRIDER



This game initially feels a bit like you are playing *Flappy* Bird in that you are

likely to lose in seconds, but if you persevere and get used to the play style and the controls, then you will soon realise that a lot of skill will get you guite a long way. The simple premise of having to steer your bike to avoid obstacles and collect rewards really is great fun and the experience is very addictive throughout.



This is great, rustrating to play. simple and it's not

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Once you've loaded the Stacks option, you can review changes you've made and also edit what you've already edited. It sounds complicated, but it really isn't. Save when you're done.

EXPLORE NEW EDITING FEATURES

N SNAPSEED D Google's own photo-editing app now includes a plethora of new features that can help take your snaps to the next level

Snapseed has been one of Google's more unassuming apps in recent years. Despite millions upon millions of downloads across iOS and Android, it perhaps hasn't received the same level of recognition that the likes of Maps, Play Music and others have. This could primarily be down to the vast amount of competition Snapseed has in the photo-editing market, particularly on Android, but it's also partially due to the lack of updates Google has been throwing at it.

However, Google has just released its biggest update yet for *Snapseed*, and with it has brought out a whole heap of new editing tools for budding photographers to experiment with. Tools like Lens Blur and Glamour Glow can help transform your image into something that looks completely different, while Spot Repair is perfect for removing any pesky blemishes you may have stumbled across. When using a combination of these tools together, you can truly make something special.

As well as adding new tools and features, Google has also refined some of the older ones. The brush tool is a good example of this, as it's now much more accurate in the new update, rather than the clunky offer we had at our disposal previously. You'll be using the brush tool a lot, so this feature update is perhaps more useful than you think,

For this tutorial, we'll be guiding you through the new suite of editing tools that can be found in *Snapseed*. However, we simply haven't got enough space to go through all the small changes that have taken place, so make sure you download the app and take a look for yourself.

>> CHOOSING YOUR TOOL

> Explore the tools that are available at your disposal

Glamour Glow

Particularly useful for images with lots of faces in, the Glamour Glow tool is ideal for removing blemishes from faces in just a few taps.

Tonal Contrast

To add some real definition to your images and start experimenting with colour options, make sure to check out the Tonal Contrast option.

Vintage

Who hasn't used a vintage effect on their photos before? The vintage filter in *Snapseed* is one of the best we've ever seen, so check it out.

Transform

To alter small parts of the image, use the Transform tool. It's quite difficult to use, so make sure you practice with it before confirming any changes.

About the app...

SNAPSEED

A photo-editing app packed with various tools

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Google's photo-editing app, Snapseed, had been due a major update up until very recently when the latest changes were released. The new suite of editing features will help budding photographers take their images to the next level, without needing to spend a single penny. Although the app still lacks some of the more advanced tools that we have become accustomed to from apps of a similar nature, Snapseed is slowly becoming one of the premier editing apps that's worth checking out in both the App

Snapseed is slowly improving with every new update and is now a photo editor worth installing.

Store and Google Play.

"Tools like Lens Blur and Glamour Glow can help transform your image into something that looks completely different"

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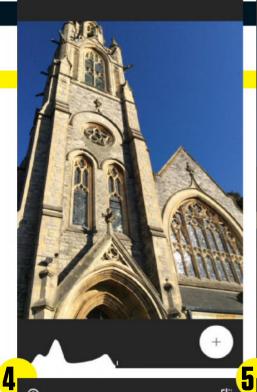
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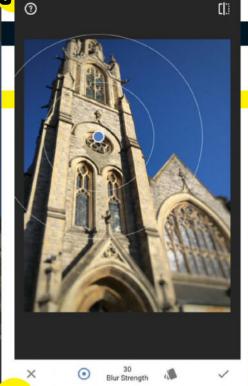


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>>> SNAPSEED > Use Snapseed's new tools

1 Load an image

When you first open the *Snapseed* app, you'll be required to open an image or take new one inapp. Choose the option that best suits what you need and then just wait for your image to load into *Snapseed*.

4. REMOVE BLEMISHES

Open the tool menu again and select the Spot Repair tool. Now pinpoint any blemishes on the image that you want to remove, before pressing the tick icon to confirm and save the changes that you've made.

SELECT A TOOL

Press the + icon to select a tool from the app. The menu is split into different sections, making it easy to navigate through and make a choice. Go ahead and select the Lens Blur option that's provided in the Filters section.

5 MAKE REFINE EDITS

Now select the brushes tool. At the bottom of the menu you can choose the type of brush you need and use your finger to carefully make adjustments to every part of your loaded image in terms of things like saturation and exposure.

3 USING LENS BLUR

To focus on one section of an image, use the blur strength option at the bottom to alter the level of blur. You can also adjust the blur radius by using your finger to adjust the circles that appear on the screen.

6 REVIEW CHANGES

Before confirming your edits, select the number icon at the top of the image. A review panel will appear, called Stacks, that enables you to look back at all the edits you make, and then make further configurations, if needed.





If you're like us, one of the main reasons you'll use Snapseed is the plethora of choices you've available to you when it comes to making edits to your images. There's now an array of new editing tools that have been made available in the most recent, so go check them out!

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- Android | OS 4.1 | Free | v2.0.91289247



Google Maps has long been the premier choice for anyone who needs directions to get from A to B. While many other developers have looked to usurp Google's crown, *Maps* continues to get better with every update. Recently, there's been a much

deeper social media feel to the way Google Maps now works; including being able to share reviews and ratings of any hotels or landmarks that you visit.

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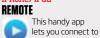
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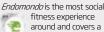


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What is CleanMyMac 3?

It's an app that cleans, optimizes, and maintains your Mac. It scans every inch of your system, removes gigabytes of junk in just two clicks, and monitors the health of your Mac, all from one beautifully designed interface.

Smart Cleaners are Safe Cleaners

Thanks to CleanMyMac 3's Safety Database, which is a list of rules, items, and exceptions that it refers to every time it scans your Mac, you can be absolutely sure that you're only cleaning up the right files. It gives you complete peace of mind.

One-button Cleaning

CleanMyMac 3 uses just one button to scan every inch of your Mac and remove all the junk it finds. It only selects files that are 100% safe-to-delete, so you never have to worry about removing the wrong ones. It's not just a Mac cleaner — it's incredibly, incredibly smart.

Crafted Perfection

It's designed to perfectly complement OS X Yosemite and your Mac. And design doesn't just mean looks. The app is simple to use, easy to understand, and gets you cleaning without any know-how necessary. That's the power of CleanMyMac 3.





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